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Falcon Tyres sold for Rs. 130 crore

Once illustrious factory joins list of Mysuru's lost industries; 2,500 workers' legacy fades into history

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (RK,SBD& BCT)- The movable and immovable assets of Falcon Tyres on KRS Road in Metagalli have finally been sold after a prolonged legal battle that began in 2015, marking the end of a once-thriving industrial unit that employed nearly 2,500 workers.

Established over 50 years ago, Falcon Tyres now joins the long list of major industrial closures in Mysuru, including K.R. Mill, Mysore MMC, Ideal Jawa, Jai Bearings and Mysore Steel Company. More than 18 mega factories have shut down in the region over the years.

A view of the Falcon Tyres on KRS Road in Metagalli.

Industrial sources confirmed to *Star of Mysore* that the assets were purchased by a private garment company in an e-auction conducted under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, for Rs. 130 crore.

(See FALCON on page 7)

Mass drug screening reveals widespread youth addiction

Out of 1,751 youths tested in week-long drive, 509 test positive for narcotic substances

DCPs R.N. Bindu Mani, K.S. Sundar Raj and ACP Sneha Raj, during the drug screening at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city last evening.

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (SBD&BCT)- In a concerted bid to combat the growing drug menace in Mysuru, the City Police yesterday conducted medical tests on hundreds of suspected substance users. Under the directions of City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, a large-scale screening drive was organised at Chamundi Vihar Stadium, where over 300 individuals were subjected to medical examinations based on suspicion.

Doctors and staff from K.R. Hospital carried out the tests using urine drug detection methods, which can identify up to nine types of narcotic substances. By evening, 62 individuals had tested positive for narcotic substance consumption. Over the past five days, 258 individuals — out of 870 tested — were found to have consumed banned substances. Between Tuesday and Friday alone, 581 youths were screened, with 189 confirmed to have consumed marijuana (ganja).

(See DRUG SCREENING on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 3rd August 2025

'Devaraj Urs Multipurpose Stadium to be upgraded by Dasara'

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (MK&VNS)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa has instructed officials to submit a proposal to the State Government to upgrade D. Devaraj Urs Multipurpose Stadium (Wrestling Arena) attached to Dasara Exhibition Grounds.

Dr. Mahadevappa, who inspected the stadium recently, said that Devaraj Urs Multipurpose Stadium, apart from hosting Dasara Wrestling Tournament every year, is also a venue for other wrestling tournaments held throughout the year.

"It is important to provide necessary infrastructure such as the roof, gallery for audience among others. Former Mayor D. Dhruvakumar and wrestlers had also requested Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to upgrade the Stadium. The inspection of the Stadium was held based on the instructions of the CM," he added.

He also added that the Deputy Commissioner had been instructed to submit a proposal to the State Government at the earliest and the funds would be released immediately to ensure the works at the Stadium were completed prior to the inauguration of this year's Dasara festivities.

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan, former Chairman R. Murthy, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and Additional Superintendent of Police (Addl. SP) Nagesh were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

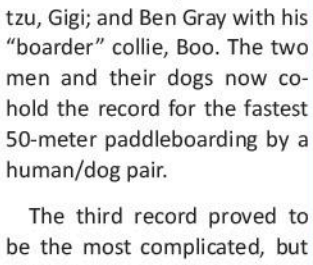
WHERE MEMORIES FIND TRUE MEANING: ***Memories are those moments of our lives from the past — some good that we would like to remember, in which we revel, and some bad that we wished we did not, more like nightmares. The present moment if not cherished, passes down the memory lane. It is said, live in the present moment.***

If memory fades and a person has trouble remembering, then one is tagged as suffering from 'Alzheimer's', 'Dementia,' 'Amnesia' and what not. On the other hand, if memory is good, then they say he has an elephant-sized memory! In the spiritual context, the former fortunate and the latter less fortunate. The one not influenced by the past moments or more precisely stays unattached is said to live happier in the present. Conscious living, also termed 'mindfulness,' is desired. People remain people! One must inculcate an understanding that we accept people and enjoy situations the way they come to us and not exert to over-analyse them. No need to paint them and taint out memories! Inefficiency is the efficiency that the world throws at us to live life in a right balanced manner. When we meet people, we let our emotions run high with our likes and dislikes, and thus people remain coloured! In the present moment, we must strive to discuss the many beautiful common topics at hand. Instead, gloating about our own achievements or even lamenting on life's experiences may not mean anything to the other person. Don't we often witness two people who meet spend most of their time discussing about a third person not even present there - living in present moment why even do that?! When we have enjoyed this moment in the company of others, we have created more new memories for them that will be cherished by them forever, while we learn to remain mindful and detached. When present moment is enlivened by healthy common topics, this beautiful world is further enhanced. Let us carry a diary of purpose with us always where memories assume a true meaning.

—Prasanna S. Harihar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Paddleboarding pooches break world records



Dorset: The 2025 U.K. Dog Surfing Championships in Dorset, England, saw three Guinness World Records being broken by pooches.

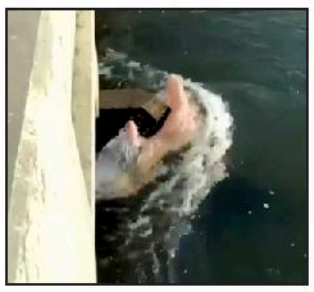
Mark Reeves, the organiser of the event at Branksome Dene Chine, decided this year's Dog Surfing Championships would include world record attempts for the most dog/human pairs paddleboarding simultaneously, the fastest 50-meter paddleboarding by a human/dog pair and the most dogs on a single paddleboard.

The first record was broken by 10 human-canine pairings competing in a 50-meter (164-foot) paddleboard race.

The race ended in a tie between two teams: Matthew Jenkins and his 2-year-old shih-tzu, Gigi; and Ben Gray with his "boarder" collie, Boo. The two men and their dogs now co-hold the record for the fastest 50-meter paddleboarding by a human/dog pair.

The third record proved to be the most complicated, but organizers were able to wrangle 12 dogs onto a single paddleboard, and they remained in place long enough to successfully earn the title.

Person stuck in canal was a blow-up doll



Fresno: An emergency call about a person trapped in the rushing water of a canal led emergency responders in California to the discovery of a discarded blow-up doll.

Fresno Police and fire-fighters were summoned to the canal near McKinley and Peach Avenues on a report of a person, possibly deceased, trapped against a grate by the rushing water.

They arrived to find that what initially appeared to be a body was, in fact, a life-sized blow-up doll. Authorities alerted the irrigation district to have the doll removed.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Diabetes Doubles Heart Risk

Even well-managed diabetes increases heart disease risk. Annual cardiac evaluation is highly recommended.

By Dr. C. B. Keshavamurthy –
Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology
Manipal Hospitals, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Vice-Presidential Poll on Sept. 9

New Delhi, Aug. 3 (Agencies)- The Election Commission of India has announced that the election to choose the next Vice-President of India will be held on Sept. 9, with counting of votes to take place the same day.

According to the schedule released, the last date for filing nominations is Aug. 21 and last date for withdrawal of the nominations is Aug. 25.

The election to Vice-President's office has been necessitated after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned on July 21, the opening day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, citing health concerns.

The Vice-President of India is elected by an Electoral College comprising members of both Houses of Parliament, through a system of proportional representation by means of a single transferable vote and the voting is conducted by secret ballot.

As per Constitutional provisions, elections to fill a vacancy due to the end of a term must be held before the term expires. In cases where the position becomes vacant due to resignation, death or removal, the election is to be held at the earliest possible date. The elected individual serves a full term of five years from the date of assuming office.

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Friday's level **121.95 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,281.72 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,855.49 feet**
Yesterday's Inflow **11,678 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **8,934 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **3,994 cusecs**
Yesterday's Outflow **10,725 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **5,050 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **3,500 cusecs**

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Have you written the two essays I have assigned as homework?*
Student: *Yes, Sir*
Teacher: *(after seeing the book) The first essay is very neatly written but the second one is very difficult to read.*
Student: *Oh! That's because my mother's handwriting is better than my father's.*

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VOICE OF THE READER

A brilliant piece of satire

Sir,

The Lighter Side: ***"A Visit to the Indian Grocery Store in the US"*** by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam was a truly brilliant piece of satire (*Star of Mysore* dated July 30). I have thoroughly enjoyed every earlier episode in this series.

Just the title itself sparks delight — and reading it fills my heart with happiness. I inevitably read it twice, simply to savour the finely crafted satire that unfailingly brings giggles. Every line brims with uncanny wit and sharp cultural commentary.

Amidst the dreary headlines of political shenanigans and social distress, Dr. Balu's humour is a welcome breath of fresh air — it lifts the spirit and restores joy.

While we know Dr. Balasubramaniam for his commendable service to rural and tribal communities, his mastery of satire is equally praiseworthy. I am certain that many *SOM* readers await each new episode with the same eagerness.

—K.L. Nagaraju,
Assistant Commissioner (Retired), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sanghatan
Hootagalli
31.7.2025

Pratibha Puraskar: Entries invited

Mysuru, Aug. 3- Mysuru Jilla Madiwala Machidevara Sangha has organised State-level Pratibha Puraskar Presentation Ceremony at Shikshakara Sadana on Kempegowda Road in Bengaluru on Aug. 17 at 10 am.

Students, who have secured 75% marks in SSLC and 85% marks in PUC Exams in 2024-25, may send their applications to Mysuru Jilla Madiwala Machidevara Sangha, #1930, 14th Cross, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, before Aug. 5.

For further details, contact District President Ravinandan on Mob: 93422-57373 or Working President Nagesh on Mob: 99012-41310.

Obituary

Pamela Rodrigues

Mysuru, Aug. 3- Pamela Rodrigues (92), retired teacher and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away this morning at a private hospital in city. She had served in St. Anne's Convent at N.R. Mohalla and at Royal English School in Nazarbad.

She leaves behind her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral Mass will be held tomorrow (Aug. 4) at Teresa D'Lima Eventide Home, Naguvanhalli at 10 am followed by the burial at the Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar at 12 noon.

Chenanda Shobha

Chenanda Shobha (Madapanda), wife of late Chenanda Devaiah (Raja) and a resident of No. 218, 3rd Main, Jayalakshmipuram (besides water tank, near Raghavendraswamy Mutt), passed away yesterday evening in city. She was 59.

A native of Kokeri village, Cheyandane in Kodagu, she leaves behind a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

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Join hands for an addiction-free society, urges MLA Tanveer Sait

NR MLA Tanveer Sait lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Addiction-Free Day celebrations, organised in commemoration of Dr. Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji's birth anniversary, at Government CPC Polytechnic College premises in city on Friday.

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (MK&BS)- Narasimharaja (NR) MLA Tanveer Sait has given a clarion call to the people, to join hands with a strong resolve to build an addiction-free society and shed those substances and matters which are considered harmful to the healthy society.

MLA Sait was addressing a gathering of students, after inaugurating Addiction-Free Day celebrations, on account of Dr. Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji's birth anniversary, organised jointly by the District Administration, Karnataka State Temperance Board, Department of Information and Public Relations and Department of Health & Family Welfare, at Government CPC Polytechnic College premises here on Friday.

To build an addiction-free society, one should avoid toxic substances and curtail the usage of cell phones, social media and others, added Sait.

"The matchbox if struck without any wisdom sparks fire. It is easy to advise others, but difficult to practice the same. Hence, one should be cautious at every step," said Sait.

It is important to understand the purpose of birth and the responsibilities that follow. Better one should stay away from those considered harmful to the society, without succumbing to the lure of deriving instant pleasure and move ahead with a clear understanding of good and bad.

The uncontrolled usage of cell phones is also an addiction. The students have to specially focus on their education. Moreover, one should ignore the mindset of solely bringing changes in the society, but have to imbibe good qualities to build a better and able society.

District Surveillance Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj sang paeans of Dr. Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji, who went to the devotees, with an appeal to shed addictions and created awareness among them.

The Swamiji had dedicated his life to build an addition-free society and hence, the Swamiji's birth anniversary is celebrated as Addiction-Free Day.

Psychiatrist Dr. M.S. Manjushree explained about how addiction affects both physical and mental health.

"The drugs affect brain and nervous system. The urge to consume tobacco products, alcohol, ganja, heroin, cocaine and other drugs, at the coercion of friends, later turn into an addiction that spoils the life. The Health and Family Welfare Department identifies those addicted and subjects to counselling, before treating them. One should not fear over availing the treatment, as total secrecy will be maintained in this regard. The treatment is also provided through the aid of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) also," said Dr. Manjushree.

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Mass marriage at Suttur on Aug. 18

Suttur Mutt will be organising a mass marriage on Aug.18 at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk. The brides must be aged 18 years and bridegrooms 21 years for registration. Interested brides and bridegrooms/parents can register along with the required documents, at least eight days before the mass marriage date at the Office of the Administrative Officer, JSS Educational Institutions, Suttur, according to a press release. For details, contact Ph: 08221-232217/232033 or Mob: 97413-42222.

Scholarship

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible backward class students, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal students coming under Category-1, for availing Post-Matric student scholarship, fee refund and 'Vidyasiri Scheme' benefits for the year 2025-26. The last date for applying is Sept. 30. Eligible candidates can apply through the website: ***https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/*** For details, log on to the website: ***https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*** or e-mail: ***bcwdhelpline@gmail.com*** or ***postmatrichelp@karnataka.gov.in*** or call Mob: 80507-70005, according to a press release.

Appointment as Forest Watchers

The Forest Department had published the additional list of candidates for appointment to 32 Group D posts of Forest Watcher, on Mar. 21, 2025. However, one candidate by name Sachin (Reg. No - 1033694) who was selected under ST (others) category, has failed to appear at the Department Office for verification of original documents. As such, his name has been dropped from the selection process, according to a press release.

Health camps

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Alanahalli, is conducting a medical camp on Karkataka Chikitsa - A Special Monsoon Rejuvenation from Aug. 1 to 31 at its premises from 9 am to 5 pm. For details, contact Mob: 98864-85005 or 80730-28433.

Arogya Bharati, Mysuru, Jayanagar Office, Suyog Hospital, Mysuru, have organised a free health check-up and medicine distribution camp at No. 136, 2nd Main Road, 11th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru - 570014, on Aug. 5 from 10 am to 1 pm. For details, contact Mob: 97426-34110 or 84312-56312, according to a press release.

Land loser gets Rs. 1.6 crore relief after Upa Lokayukta's intervention

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (BLU&BS)- Upa Lokayukta Justice K.N. Phaneendra, has cracked a whip on the officers of various Departments and realtors, for making people run from pillar to post to avail of the services, for no valid reasons.

Upa Lokayukta Phaneendra, chaired the meeting to receive and dispose of the public grievances at Abdul Nazir Sab auditorium at Zilla Panchayat here yesterday.

After several years of wait, Puttamadaiah, was happy to receive a cheque for Rs. 1.6 crore as compensation towards his land acquired for the construction of a Solid Waste Management unit at Nanjangud in Mysuru district.

Puttamadaiah, had made umpteen attempts to get relief from Nanjangud Town Municipal Council (TMC) for the acquisition of land, but the latter showed no remorse to consider his plea. The distressed Puttamadaiah, had filed a complaint with Lokayukta, which was forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner's Office to take a suitable action. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Nanjangud TMC to pay the compensation and the latter gave the consent. The DC headed District Committee had also given its administrative approval, facilitating the release of compensation amount to Puttamadaiah.

Upa Lokayukta Phaneendra, handed over the cheque for Rs. 1,60,82,242, much to the relief of harrowed family members of Puttamadaiah.

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Upa Lokayukta Justice K.N. Phaneendra (extreme right) and Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, handing over the cheque to Puttamadaiah and his family members, at Abdul Nazir Sab Hall, in Mysuru Zilla Panchayat yesterday as other officers look on.

Criminal case

Kanaka House Building Co-operative Society, was at the receiving end as the Upa Lokayukta directed the Bogadi Town Panchayat, to file a criminal case against the Society. Besides, the complainant in the case, Dr. Hanuma Nayak, was told to issued the 11B Khata.

Dr. Hanuma Nayak complained to the Upa Lokayukta that, Kanaka House Building Cooperative Society, has developed a residential layout in Bogadi, in violation of norms, without earmarking due space for park and Civic Amenities (CA) site. Instead, they had developed sites and sold them to the applicants. The Bogadi TP authorities are also not issuing 11B khata despite dragging feet to the office several times, he had said.

Justice Phaneendra, who examined the complaint, observed that, it is a trend among many influential persons to develop a layout, throwing all the rules into the wind and make a gain of several crores of rupees, before going underground. If such cases are not dealt seriously, such illegality will go on unabated.

Bogadi TP officials brought to the notice of Upa Lokayukta that, the very case is pending at the High Court.

Justice Phaneendra said "Let the HC continue hearing the case, you (Bogadi TP) proceed as per law, by earmarking remaining piece of land for park and CA site and file a criminal case against the Society."

GP officers taken to task

Likewise, Justice Phaneendra directed the Gram Panchayat officers to issue *podi* and *khata* for the land of one Lakshmi at Lingambudhi village and submit a report within a week, before adjourning the case to Aug. 14.

Pay back deposit

Entrepreneur Mehul Patel complained to the Upa Lokayukta, about how Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited, has been making him wait to return his deposit amount, made towards the electricity connection of his now defunct company.

Justice Phaneendra, who took CESC officers to task calling their mere explanation as a drama, directed the latter to return the deposit amount at the earliest.

Balamandira

Government Balamandira officers, who had been issued notice for the discrepancies that came to Upa Lokayukta's notice during his inspection visit, addressed the anomalies and apprised the Upa Lokayukta.

Joint Registrar (Inquiry) V.N. Vimala, Secretary Kiran Patil, Member-Secretary of Mysuru District Legal Services Authority (MDLSA) Amarnath, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) S. Ukesh Kumar, Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana and Mysuru Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh were present.

Hello... your pension is sanctioned

Upa Lokayukta called a complainant over phone from the meeting hall, and informed him about his application for pension amount approved by the Forest Department.

Venkatesh, who had retired from the Forest Department was peeved over the inordinate delay by the authorities concerned in releasing his pension amount. He had complained to Lokayukta, prompting the Forest Department to issue an order sanctioning his pension. As Venkatesh was absent at the grievance redressal meeting, the Upa Lokayukta called him over the phone to inform him about his pension amount.

Dowry death: Husband, two others jailed

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (BS)- Three of a family including a man, his mother and sister, have been sentenced to jail upon their conviction in a dowry death case in city.

K.N. Roopa, the Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge has announced the quantum of sentence to one Gowtham, his mother Kushal Kumari and his sister Swapna, all residents of Sharadadevi Nagar in city. They were facing charges of abetment of suicide of Mahalakshmi alias Soni, the wife of Gowtham.

Gowtham has been sentenced to 10-year rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 2.25 lakh, while Kushal Kumari and Swapna, have been sentenced to seven years rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 1.75 lakh fine each.

Gowtham had married Mahalakshmi, daughter of Vishweshwar Rao and Sukanya Bai couple, residents of Rajendra Nagar in city on Oct. 19, 2011. He had been given Rs.10,000 cash, gold chain weighing 12 grams, half-kg silver lamp and other silver valuables as dowry, at the time of marriage.

The convicted trio had been physically and mentally harassing Mahalakshmi to transfer the ownership of a house, she had inherited from her grandparents to the name of Gowtham. Unable to bear the harassment, Mahalakshmi had allegedly committed suicide at her husband's house in Sharadadevi Nagar, by hanging self to the ceiling fan on Aug. 17, 2013.

The then ACP B.T. Kavitha, who had registered a case in this regard, had submitted a charge sheet to the Court. B.E. Yogeshwar was the Public Prosecutor in the case.

Unidentified man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was found bleeding after falling on the footpath near Bamboo Bazar, Sayyaji Rao Road, on July 28 and admitted to K.R. Hospital, has succumbed to injuries at the hospital.

The deceased is aged about 38 years, 5.6 ft. tall, oval faced, wheatish complexioned, normal built, sports black beard and moustache, has the name 'Prema' tattooed on his right hand and was wearing a blue coloured hospital gown and white pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Footpath encroachments...

MGP urges DC to resolve legal issues, prioritise public safety

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (BCT)- In a letter to the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mysore Grahakara Parishat's (MGP) Founding President Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy and Working President S. Shobana have raised serious concerns over widespread footpath encroachments in the city, urging authorities to prioritise pedestrian safety while addressing complex legal challenges.

The letter follows a recent meeting in which the DC reportedly assured MGP representatives that instructions had been issued to remove encroachments and that elected representatives would not interfere in the process. However, MGP expressed disappointment upon learning about the legal hurdles involved.

Two legal frameworks

The group highlighted a contradiction between two legal frameworks: The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, which permits licenced vendors to operate, and a Supreme Court judgement from May 2025 directing the Central Government to ensure the removal of encroachments in keeping with citizens' fundamental right to safety under Article 21 of the Constitution.

According to the DC, Mysuru has approximately 7,000 licensed street vendors, and under the 2014 Act, they cannot be evicted unless the MCC provides alternative vending sites. He reportedly agreed that newly established, unlicensed vendors could be removed.

MGP questioned the feasibility of relocating all licensed vendors and called for transparency in verifying permits. It also raised concerns about potential corruption in permit issuance and asked who would take the initiative to file a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) to resolve the legal conflict. While emphasising pedestrian safety — particularly in light of the fatal accident in Vivekanandanagar on July 24 — MGP acknowledged the economic impact on vendors and suggested that MCC offer incentives to encourage relocation.

They also proposed forming a Pedestrian Safety Committee comprising elected representatives, vendor associations, relocation experts, NGOs, Police and MCC officials to ensure a more inclusive and studied approach.

"The removal of encroachments must be carried out with careful planning, not in the *ad hoc* manner seen in the past," the letter stated.

'Clear footpaths near Ambabhavani Circle'

Senior citizen from N.R. Mohalla appeals to MCC Commissioner; warns of Lokayukta petition

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (KS)- A concerned citizen has urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner to clear footpath encroachments at Ambabhavani Circle in the north-east part of N.R. Mohalla.

In a letter to the MCC Commissioner dated July 9, 2025, senior citizen Humayun Rasheed stated that he had complained to the MCC on Nov. 7, 2024, regarding the same issue. However, even after eight months, no action has been taken to clear the encroachment, he alleged.

In his first letter (Nov. 7, 2024), Rasheed had stated, "Recently, a tea shop on a wheel cart has come up on the entire footpath adjoining this high-mast streetlight pole and another wheel cart with vegetables is also placed on the road. The waste from these carts is dumped into the drain leading to the stormwater drain adjoining our premises."

Haven for anti-socials

"Anti-social elements and drunkards frequent this shelter, fighting among themselves, shouting, abusing and threatening. A few times, the Garuda Police have chased away these trouble-makers. More often, the lights are switched off by these anti-social elements, and I have had to call MCC to switch them back on. Now, a stronger and permanent structure is being put up on the footpath adjoining the high-mast streetlight pole," he added.

Pointing out that a permanent roof structure is now being erected on the footpath, the senior citizen urged the MCC Commissioner to take steps to clear the pushcarts and remove the illegal structure for the benefit of the public.

In his second letter to the MCC Commissioner on July 9, 2025, Rasheed wrote, "From 8th November 2024 to 8th July 2025 — a full nine months — Mysuru City Corporation authorities have not taken action to remove the stone benches and tea shop that were set up on the footpath at Ambabhavani Circle in the north-east of N.R. Mohalla. The institution has decayed, or administrators have become predators of unlawful encroachment. What a chilling paradox!"

"Will your good self do the needful immediately to remove the entire encroachment from the footpath, or should the matter be placed before the Lokayukta?" he concluded in the letter.

Residents seek externment of rowdy-sheeter

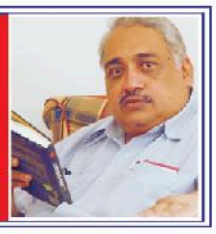
Mysuru, Aug. 3 (MK&BS)- A section of residents from Devaraja Mohalla has filed a complaint at Devaraja Police Station against Modaram and his sons — Babulal, Ramesh Vali, Kailas, Jagan and Vikram — seeking their externment from the district.

In addition, residents have submitted a memorandum to the Zonal Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Zone-6, urging the demolition of an under-construction building belonging to Modaram and his sons within the premises of Sri Subbarayadasara Prasanna Venkataramana Swamy Temple.

The Temple is a heritage structure under the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, and residents allege the construction is unscientific and illegal. The complainants have also alleged that Modaram's family has been harassing the Temple's Chief Priest Venkatesh Das and his family, besides troubling traders in the locality by filing false complaints with MCC and other departments. Several Police cases are said to be registered against Modaram and his sons at different stations across the city. The residents have demanded immediate externment of the family to restore peace in the area.

Former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, ex-Corporators Prashanth Gowda & Pramila Bharat and local leaders were present.

Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The Two Perils Plaguing Mysuru

Garbage dumped on the roadside. A common sight across the city now.

It is certainly a matter of pride that Mysuru has secured a distinction this year as the third cleanest city in the country, in its category. There is no reason why we should not be able to once again get to the first place, which we have held earlier on two occasions, if we all put in a little more effort.

But striving to secure the first place in a competition for cleanliness alone, does not make our lives better. There are other problems that need to be addressed to ensure this.

Our city seems to be on the verge of losing all its tranquillity to the malignantly growing menace of roadside eateries. The problem which started with some very ordinary people, badly in need of some means of sustenance, resorting to putting up eateries on pushcarts on our footpaths, here and there, in non-residential areas. While we citizens and our Civic Authorities too, turned a blind eye to these, with hearts of kindness and compassion, the problem has now certainly begun to make our lives very miserable.

Now, obviously encouraged by the inaction of our Civic Authorities, even those with enough and more means to procure the necessary business spaces, have resorted to the so-called fast-food business, much of which thrives only on the pavement. This problem which was hitherto present only in some open areas, is now steadily growing unchecked across the entire length and breadth of the city, not only in the business areas but also in once calm residential areas.

This menace has made life very difficult and dangerous too for honest, tax-paying citizens who cannot lead their lives with the basic ease for which they are paying dearly. Stray dogs are attracted to the spots by the abundant leftovers and they chase and threaten passersby. The strong smells of every kind of food being prepared and served, pervade the surrounding homes, upsetting the sensibilities of those living in them. The pain and distress of being subjected to these smells, day in and day out, are not difficult to imagine.

At the end of the day most of these establishments just dump all the paper and plastic plates and cups on the roadside and leave the place. Very recently, a man even lost his life in an accident because the road was badly encroached by hawkers. Although this incident made a very brief hue and cry, with the authorities announcing that suitable remedial measures would be taken, nothing came out of it.

Mysuru, a once beautiful and very orderly city, has completely lost these two attributes and has now become a complete mess. It is sad that despite constant complaining, no one in the administration pays any heed to implementing some strict and continued measures to set right this problem. All the steps taken to clear our footpaths of the numerous kinds of roadside eateries that we find on them, are only very transient with their results not even lasting for a week.

The illegal occupants are back in their usual places, plying their usual trades, leaving completely helpless citizens wringing their hands in despair. The unbridled growth of roadside eateries is not just an eyesore but a real hindrance to an orderly life. It is common to see these footpath establishments setting up large circles of stools around them for their customers, which extend even onto the road, impeding the smooth flow of traffic, leading to frustrating traffic snarls and frayed tempers.

When you, as a completely blocked vehicle user, stop and expect them to make way for you, most of them glare at you in irritation and indignation, while the occasional politer one just smiles with grotesquely puffed cheeks, expressing complete helplessness in balancing the many *paani puris* on the plate with one hand, while the other one delicately holds the one ready for the mouth, which is still too full to accommodate it!

Yes, it is certainly not an easy job to balance four round-bottomed, fluid-filled puris, perched on a smooth plate, with one hand and hold one more in the other very lightly, without crushing it, while you are still crushing the one in your mouth, with your eyes closed in sheer ecstasy! The result is that you can only hide your agony and smile back at them and wait patiently, till their hands are free to shift their seats!

It is indeed very sad that none of the authorities successively posted in and who have all seen how citizens are suffering, have been able to come up with a long-lasting remedy for this vexing problem of roadside eateries making life an agony. We need to have strictly designated areas for this kind of business well drawn away from residential areas for which residents should raise their voices.

The other problem that is making life miserable in Mysuru is the pernicious practice of people dumping their garbage on the roadside at every nook and corner. It is difficult to understand why some people, including the so called educated and elite, resort to this shameful practice, when there is an excellent system of solid waste collection, right from our doorsteps, every day. It should be a matter of pride for us that not a single day passes without the garbage pickup vehicle and staff visiting our areas and stopping right in front of our gates to do their duty. But we do not seem to have any regard or respect to the diligence with which they are doing their job.

Our City Corporation and Traffic Police would do well to introduce a system by which citizens should be able to send them pictures of such violations and then start taking prompt punitive action against those indulging in them. This needs to be done with the required amount of seriousness and with complete secrecy too, that will ensure the safety of the complainants. Heavy fines should be levied mercilessly, on the perpetrators, that will act as effective deterrents. That is the only way to set things right!

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BJP questions

Mysuru Police after Mumbai team busts city drug unit

BJP State Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh** (centre) **addressing the press meet at BJP Office yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (BLU&BCT)- BJP State Spokesperson M.G. Mahesh has questioned the role of Mysuru Police after a drug manufacturing racket in the city was uncovered by a team from Mumbai Police.

"If Mumbai Police had to come all the way to Mysuru to expose the drug racket, what were our own Police doing?" he asked.

Speaking at a press conference at the BJP office yesterday, Mahesh expressed grave concern over the growing drug menace in Mysuru. "It is alarming that Mumbai Police had to crack the network. What were Mysuru Police doing all this while?" he reiterated.

He referred to the recent case in Narasimharaja area, where drug production was detected, and held local MLA Tanveer Sait morally responsible for the situation. "Mere expressions of concern won't help — concrete action is needed," he said.

Mahesh also alleged that the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has uncovered several illegal activities taking place inside Karnataka jails, further underscoring the need for stricter enforcement and accountability.

He criticised the Karnataka Police, calling it "shameful" that serious crimes in the State are being uncovered by outside agencies. "It's a matter of disgrace that our own Police are unable to detect such grave offences. Despite all this, what is the Home Department doing? What steps has the Home Minister taken?" he questioned.

Voter fraud allegations

Mahesh also responded to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent allegations of voter fraud. "When Congress wins an election, there's no wrongdoing. But if BJP wins, it's suddenly called rigging — is that how it works?" he asked.

He defended the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), stating that they have helped curb electoral malpractice. "Everyone knows how elections were conducted before EVMs were introduced. Today, India's electoral system is praised by many countries around the world, yet Congress leaders continue to cast doubt on the Election Commission," he said.

Mass drug screening in city

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Those who tested positive were taken into custody, and cases have been registered under relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

A majority of those tested were young men in their twenties, raising serious concerns over substance abuse among youth. Alarmingly, several were students residing in PG accommodations and rented houses.

The screening also revealed that many had discontinued their education and taken up odd jobs such as masonry, mechanics, painting and plumbing, with several falling prey to drug abuse.

Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, along with DCPs R.N. Bindu Mani and K.S. Sundar Raj, ACP Sneha Raj, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors and staff from various Police Stations, supervised the screening process. Suspects brought in from across different areas of the city were lined up and systematically tested.

The Commissioner stated that this intensified drive follows the arrest of four individuals by the Mumbai Police for producing mephedrone (MD) within the Narasimharaja Police Station limits. In response, Mysuru Police have launched targeted operations across the city. She confirmed that all youths who tested positive yesterday had purchased ganja from unidentified sources.

Drive to continue

Over the last week, search operations have been carried out across all Police Station limits, targeting tea stalls, parks, open grounds, areas near liquor outlets, vacant plots and PG hostels. Individuals suspected of drug use were picked up for testing, including several with prior records of marijuana consumption.

Yesterday's operation saw numerous suspects screened, with cases registered against those confirmed to have consumed drugs. Drive will continue across various Police Station jurisdictions in the coming days. Police have appealed for public cooperation, stressing that only with collective effort can Mysuru be freed from the scourge of drug abuse.

DCP Sundar Raj said that notices have been issued to all individuals who tested positive, requiring them to appear before the Court. He added that the drive against drugs would continue, describing the mass testing initiative as "successful to some extent" in curbing substance abuse among youth.

Raids and rehabilitation

On August 1, Mysuru City Police registered 19 cases under Section 27 of the NDPS Act, following the testing of 99 suspects picked up during the day's anti-drug operation.

Additionally, one case was filed under Section 20(b) of the NDPS Act, involving a single accused. A total of 2.3 kilograms of ganja (plant material) was seized and eight accused individuals or their residences were searched as part of the investigation.

The day's drive also included a focused inspection of drug rehabilitation centres across the city. One such facility, Basava Marga Rehabilitation Centre, located on Hebbal Ring Road, houses 110 inmates. Of these, 18 were identified as drug abusers, including five individuals from Mysuru.

CII to host workshop on AI

Mysuru, Aug. 3- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Centre for Artificial Intelligence (AI), as part of AI Immersion Week, will be offering a free hands-on 3-hour in-person workshop designed to help businesses adopt AI in key areas like marketing, financial management, cybersecurity and business planning, on Aug. 7 and Aug. 8.

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Falcon Tyres sold for Rs. 130 crore

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The buyer acquired 18.23 acres of land, the administrative office, production units and machinery.

The liquidation was ordered by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), Bengaluru Bench and the process was facilitated by Court-appointed liquidator Shivadutt Bannanje. A pre-auction reserve fund of Rs. 117 crore was fixed.

Sources added that the new owner has already disposed of the machines, administrative office furniture and production units, leaving only the outer structure of the factory intact. The buyer now plans to set up a garment production unit at the site.

Closure in December 2015

Falcon Tyres, earlier owned by Ruia Group, headed by Pavan Kumar Ruia, was once one of Asia's largest two-wheeler tyre & tube manufacturers. The factory slipped into decline in 2014 and eventually shut down in December 2015. Before shutting down, the workers were not paid salaries for two months, and the closure was declared in the third month.

Known for its advanced machinery capable of operating even during power outages, the company initially showed promise. However, excessive borrowing — three times the required amount — for automation and machinery upgrades led to financial instability.

Incorporated in 1973, the company came under the Ruia fold on Dec. 1, 2005. With an installed capacity of 11 million tyres, it manufactured products under the Dunlop, Donin and Falcon brands, supplying multiple vehicle manufacturers. It also exported tyres to 21 countries, including Latin America, West Asia, Africa and other parts of Asia.

Protracted legal battle

Despite its foreign-collaboration venture and high product demand, Falcon Tyres faltered as it failed to repay hefty bank loans and mounting interest. This triggered a series of recovery notices, with the supplier of advanced automated machinery attempting to reclaim equipment. Workers strongly resisted, refusing to allow the removal of machinery.

Legal proceedings ensued and eventually culminated in a Court verdict favouring the lending banks. Production was halted, and the owners expressed helplessness in reopening the factory. Workers staged prolonged protests outside the Mysuru DC's Office for 141 days but received no meaningful intervention from the State Government.

Empty assurances

The matter later escalated to the NCLAT, which ordered the liquidation of the factory's assets. Following this, Falcon Tyres was sold online for Rs. 130 crore.

The original workforce, left without support, received only 50% of their Provident Fund dues. Despite repeated appeals to successive Governments, workers were met with empty assurances.

Many former employees shifted to other professions such as masonry, painting, security, driving and autorickshaw operation. Today, most are over 65 years old; some have passed away, and others tragically took their own lives. Those who spent 30 to 40 years in service now survive on a meagre pension of Rs. 1,500 to 2,000 per month.

Legal battle continues...

Following the Rs. 130-crore acquisition of Falcon Tyres by a garment manufacturer, the new owner had planned to convert the premises into a garment production unit.

However, sources told *SOM* that after liquidation dues were settled, the previous proprietor filed a fresh petition in Court, alleging procedural lapses and terming the entire liquidation process a sham, claiming it was not conducted as per established norms. As a result, the new buyer has been unable to begin operations, with the matter still mired in legal proceedings.

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A slice of India

Mango vendor and the art of street deal

By Prof. P.K. Misra

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It is indeed a paradox that though mobile street vendors fascinate me, I try to avoid them. Why? Most of the time, after I have made a deal with them and they are gone, I realise I have been mercilessly 'cheated'.

Then I begin to rationalise that I do not feel the same way when posh shop owners successfully rob me — and I make no complaints about that. But all that can wait. Let me tell you this morning's story.

I had just returned from my morning walk and was closing the gate. Seeing me there, a mango vendor on a moped approached. There was eye contact, and he understood that I might be his first 'kill'.

The first sale or 'boni'

In Mysuru, the local term for the first business of the day is 'boni', and I think the term has wide circulation. In India, 'shubh' and 'ashubh' (auspicious and inauspicious) are strong categories.

If you make a good first deal, it is 'shubh' — a good 'boni' — and the rest of the day will be successful. Often, the vendor will try to convince you that he is giving you a special concession since it is the first deal of the day, and he wants to begin on an auspicious note.

I didn't stop him or say 'no'. He felt encouraged. He got down from his moped and carefully removed the covering from his front basket, which contained selected Raspuri mangoes — a local variety.

He loudly declared that these were meant only for a customer like me. In the basket at the back were less healthy-looking mangoes, suggesting those weren't for 'special' customers like me. I showed some interest, opened the gate, and stepped forward. By this time, he had picked three or four good-looking mangoes and asked, "How many kilos?" Until this point, I hadn't uttered a word — I neither needed mangoes nor wished to be his early morning victim.

But my silence was interpreted as a willingness to buy. He then pulled out his hand-held weighing scale (an illegal one, mind you) along with weights. By now, he had selected four or five large mangoes and placed them on his preferred balance. You probably know what I mean by his preferred balance.

Picture for representative purpose only.

I protested that I didn't need so many. As I moved forward to select my own mangoes, he would remove one of mine and add two of his own, conveniently not from his special front basket. I objected again and stepped back to suggest that I was not going to be his customer. Realising he was at risk of losing a potential 'boni', he stepped back and allowed me to make my own choices — but still pushed me to buy more. I did not relent.

Price talk

So far, we hadn't discussed the rate. When I finally asked, "How much?", he seemed momentarily surprised. After all, that's usually the opening line in any such transaction. This "opening bracket" typically leads to a round of bargaining from both sides.

Interestingly, both vendor and customer generally know the approximate final rate, but this ritual exchange is essential — without it, the vendor feels robbed of a personalised human interaction.

Seen from this angle, the vendor isn't merely interested in completing a sale. It goes a little beyond that. That's what interests me most, and I believe there is a vast space here to explore.

Not long ago, a satire was doing the rounds in the media: A freshly arrived Indian in the US walks into a department store and asks the salesperson what the "real" price of an item is.

Mistaking this for a reading problem, the salesperson simply reads the price tag aloud. Dissatisfied, the Indian follows up with a line that is typical in Indian markets — but absurdly out of place in an American retail setting.

Culture and social norms

In formal terms, the vendor seeks to maximise profit in an open market, while the buyer seeks the opposite. But beyond that lies a larger umbrella of culture and social norms. The transaction isn't simply a business deal — it's governed by an unspoken social code, and that begins with conversation. How long this negotiation continues, and how it ends, depends on many factors, but it is a pan-Indian phenomenon.

Vendors employ a range of strategies — clever, adaptive and ever-evolving — to attract potential customers. They are constantly watching for gaps in the supply chain. Let me digress here to clarify that there are many types of vendors, but my focus is on mobile street vendors in urban areas.

Regardless of type, all vendors rely on flexibility, resourcefulness and symbolic creativity, though they remain strangers to their customers. But they are 'customary strangers' — a term I use to describe their familiar-yet-unknown relationship with buyers.

The vendor may understand his customers, but the customer typically knows little about the vendor, except that he appears regularly and deals in certain goods.

Change of approach

In earlier days, most vendors came on foot, carrying goods on their heads or using pushcarts. They would announce their presence by loudly advertising what they were selling. Their sales pitch was often delivered in rhythmic, catchy lyrics that glorified their wares.

Today, this has been replaced: Most use two-wheelers and broadcast pre-recorded messages in the local dialect through microphones. This shift alone is a rich area of study for folklorists.

Before I close, I must add this. Hawkers, street vendors, smiths, basket and broom makers, toy sellers, jewellers, jugglers, acrobats, singers, dancers, peddlers, bards, impersonators and trainers of performing animals (now banned), as well as sellers of miracle herbs and medicines — though ancient in origin — have remained a persistent and integral thread in the complex, ever-changing fabric of South Asia's social system. Lest I disappoint my readers: That morning, I deliberately paid mango vendor slightly less than he initially demanded — just to keep the tradition alive. He was immensely pleased and so was I.

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Former MP late V. Sreenivasa Prasad's birth anniversary on Aug. 6

Prasad

Nanjangud, Aug. 3 (KS)- The 78th birth anniversary of former MP late V. Sreenivasa Prasad will be celebrated on Aug. 6 in Nanjangud.

Disclosing this during the preliminary meeting held in this regard at the Tourist Bungalow here recently, former MLA B. Harshavardhan said that a function has been organised by the followers of late V. Sreenivasa Prasad at JSS Mangala Mantapa in which Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, former Ministers B. Sriramulu and PGR Sindhia, RSS leader M. Venkataram, Prof. Kalegowda Nagavara and Bhagyalakshmi Sreenivasa Prasad will participate.

Pointing out that Sreenivasa Prasad had served for over five decades in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar thus remaining in the minds of the people, Harshavardhan said that the late MP's followers have organised various social activities across the taluk in his memory. Stating that various social activities will be held at the tribal hamlet near Hediyala, Harshavardhan called upon everyone to participate keeping aside their differences.

Former Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Member C. Chikkaranganayaka, BJP Rural Mandal President Kendagannappa, City President Siddaraju, City Municipal Council (CMC) Members Mahadeva Prasad and Deva, former Taluk Panchayat Members Ramu and Shivanna, former Hura Gram Panchayat President Chandru, former BJP President Mahesh, leaders Somanna, Parashivamurthy, Puttaswamy, Mahadev, Raju, Mahadevaswamy, Mahesh Babu, Abdul Razak, former PLD Bank Vice-President Krishna and DSS Mysuru Division Convenor Manju were present.

Sex Scandal

Prajwal Revanna is khaidi No. 15528

Special Court sentences former Hassan MP to life imprisonment for rape

Prajwal Revanna

Bengaluru, Aug. 3 (Agencies)- Former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the rape of a 47-year-old domestic help, has been allotted prisoner number 15528 by the Bengaluru Central Prison authorities.

Earlier in a landmark judgment yesterday, the Special Court for Elected Representatives in Bengaluru sentenced the suspended JD(S) leader and former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, aged 34, to life imprisonment for the rape of a 47-year-old domestic help.

In addition to the life sentence, the Court imposed a fine of Rs. 11.60 lakh on Revanna, with Rs. 11.25 lakh to be paid as compensation to the survivor.

The sentencing came a day after the Court convicted Prajwal under multiple charges, including rape, sexual harassment, voyeurism, destruction of evidence and violations under the Information Technology Act.

Delivering the verdict, Judge Santosh Gajanana Bhat noted the grave nature of the offences. The sentencing marks the conclusion of a fast-tracked trial that lasted eight weeks, coming nearly 14 months after Prajwal's arrest in May 2024.

The case triggered national outrage after hundreds of pen drives allegedly containing explicit videos linked to Prajwal began circulating in his Hassan Lok Sabha constituency in 2024. He flew to Germany shortly after the videos surfaced and returned only after the Lok Sabha elections concluded, when he was arrested upon his arrival at Bengaluru airport on May 31, 2025.

The survivor in this case was rescued from a farmhouse near Mysuru in April. She told Police she was abducted at the behest of Prajwal's family in an attempt to coerce her into silence.

A special Investigation Team, (SIT) comprising 40 Police, had filed a 1,800-page report in five-volume. During the trial, 26 witnesses were cross-examined and 180 documents were presented in Court across 38 hearings.

On Friday, Prajwal appeared emotional in Court soon after the conviction and broke down again during yesterday's sentencing, pleading for leniency. None of his family members were present in Court during the proceedings.

Prajwal, a one-time Lok Sabha MP from Hassan, still faces trial in three other cases linked to the broader sex scandal that continues to rock State politics.

Meanwhile, women's rights activists have welcomed the verdict as a significant step towards justice for survivors of sexual violence, especially those from marginalised communities. Further developments are awaited in the other three pending cases involving Prajwal.

'A conspiracy to tarnish my political future'

Former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, in an emotional statement before the Special Court, said that the entire sex scandal was nothing but a conspiracy to tarnish his image and political career. The Special Court for Elected Representatives, which had convicted Prajwal Revanna on Friday, had asked the Police to produce him before the Court to announce the quantum yesterday. Before announcing the quantum of punishment, Prajwal Revanna made a statement before Judge Santosh Gajanana Bhat pleading for leniency stating that, he had earned a good name for himself as an MP in Hassan adding that the pen drives were distributed six days before the elections only to defeat him in the 2024 General Election to Lok Sabha.

"The only mistake I did was to grow swiftly in politics, I have a family and it has been six months since I have seen my mother and father. Please give me a lesser period of sentence, is what I request the Court," pleaded Prajwal Revanna before the Judge.

It's justice for women: Seema Latkar

Reacting to judgment of the Special Court, Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, who was one of the members of Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing into sex scandal involving former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, welcomed the Court's verdict stating it was "Justice for Women".

Seema Latkar

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, she said that the Court had taken the charge sheet filed by Special Investigation Team into cognizance.

Sections under which Prajwal Revanna was convicted

- **IPC Section 376(2)(k):** Rape of a woman by a person who is in a dominant position or a position of control - Life imprisonment and Rs. 5 lakh fine
- **IPC Section 376(2)(n):** Repeatedly raping a woman - Life imprisonment till death and Rs. 5 lakh fine
- **IPC Section 354A:** Outraging modesty - 3 years imprisonment and Rs. 25,000 fine
- **IPC Section 354B:** Assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe - 7 years imprisonment and Rs. 50,000 fine
- **IPC Section 354C:** Voyeurism - 3 years imprisonment and Rs. 25,000 fine
- **IPC Section 506:** Criminal intimidation - 2 years imprisonment and Rs. 10,000 fine
- **IPC Section 201:** Destroying evidence of a crime - 3 years jail and Rs. 20,000 fine
- **IT Act Section 66E:** Punishment for violation of privacy - 3 years imprisonment and Rs. 25,000 fine.

Defective number plates

166 two-wheelers seized in two-day drive

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (PM&KS)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police, who conducted special drives for two days across the city have seized a total of 166 two-wheelers with defective registration number plates.

During the special drives, the Police came to know that the riders in a bid to avoid being penalised for traffic offences were tying lemons, pasting stickers, sticking magnets and bending the number plates to make sure that the AI cameras could not detect the full registration numbers.

The Cops are also verifying whether such two-wheelers were being used to commit various crimes.

The special drives will continue in city and the City Traffic Police are ready to tackle traffic offenders. During the display of seized two-wheelers at Maharaja's College Grounds on Saturday, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) M. Shivashankar informed about the methods used to mask the registration number plates.

Speaking to media persons, ACP Shivashankar said that during the special drives conducted on Friday and Saturday at all Traffic Police Station limits in city, a total of 166 two-wheelers with defective number plates have been seized. Apart from traffic violation, these vehicles are being checked to know they were used to commit various crimes.

The number of two-wheelers seized by the Traffic Police are: Devaraja Traffic Police - 24; Krishnaraja (KR) Traffic Police - 30; Narasimharaja (NR) Traffic Police - 28; Siddarthanagar Traffic Police - 27; V.V. Puram Traffic Police - over 50, the ACP added.

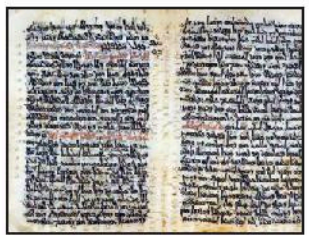
Pointing out that there is a provision to take back the two-wheelers after paying the fine, the ACP said that a FIR will be registered against the owners of two-wheelers who had pasted stickers for which Rs. 500 fine will be imposed.

Out of the 166 seized two-wheelers, one two-wheeler seized in NR Police limits has a pending violation fine of Rs. 30,000, the ACP said and added that modified silencers making loud noise will be destroyed. Except for two-wheelers against which FIRs are registered, the remaining two-wheelers will be given back after issuing a warning only after the owners pay the fine.

NR Traffic Inspector Rekha Bai, Devaraja Traffic Inspector Mamatha, VV Puram Traffic Inspector Sridhar, KR Traffic Inspector Mahadevaswamy and staff were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Palimpsest



Pronunciation: PAL-imp-sest (noun).
Meaning: Palimpsest in its original use refers to writing material (such as a parchment manuscript) used one or more times after earlier writing has been erased; the underlying text is said to be "in palimpsest." Palimpsest in extended use refers to something that has usually diverse layers or aspects apparent beneath the surface.
Origin: Long ago, writing surfaces were so highly valued that they were often used more than once. Palimpsest in its original use referred to an early form of recycling in which an old document was erased to make room for a new one when parchment ran short. (The word is from the Greek palimpsēstos, meaning "scraped again.") Fortunately for modern scholars, the erasing process wasn't completely effective, so the original could often be distinguished under the newer writing. De republica, by Roman statesman and orator Cicero, is one of many documents recovered from a palimpsest. Nowadays, the word palimpsest can refer not only to such a document but to anything that has multiple layers apparent beneath the surface.
Example: "My aim was to trace the course of ...the Aqua Marcia, built between 144 and 140 B.C. by Julius Caesar's ancestor Quintus Marcius Rex. ...The original tuff arches carried Marcia across a steep ravine. Subsequent retaining walls and buttresses have transformed the bridge into a palimpsest of building styles." — David Laskin, The New York Times, 24 Apr. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Pernoctate

To stay up or out all night.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

High on the Hog

Meaning: You use the expression 'High on the Hog' to indicate that something is luxurious or that someone is affluent.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'High on the Hog' comes from 20th century America and refers to the practice of eating choice cuts of meat. One of the earliest print examples comes from a March, 1920 edition of *The New York Times:* "Southern laborers who are eating too high up on the hog (pork chops and ham) and American housewives who "eat too far back on the beef" (porterhouse and round steak) are to blame for the continued high cost of living, the American Institute of Meat Packers announced today."
Example: "They've been living pretty high on hog since they won lottery."

QUOTE BOX

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Down Town.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Distinctive air
5 Bounders
9 Another word for 'family'
12 Too much in Toulouse
13 Grape brandy
14 Airspeed Indicator
15 Rip
16 Personal appeal
18 The lowest point
20 Relieve gas
21 Soft drink
24 "Hooray" for the Spanish
27 Unit of power, kW in short?
31 Inlet for "air" change !
32 Help a felon
33 Specialized U.N. agency
34 Ridicule
35 Egg seen when "tin" breaks?
36 Rare bird (Latin) (4,4)
38 Composition
41 Prison (slang)
42 The game __ __ : you are exposed (2,2)
44 Cowboy's rope
48 Run-down apartments
52 Double
53 In time past
54 Central American Indian people
55 Dim and unclear because of fog, etc.
56 To cheat
57 Belgian river
58 Wild goat

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	G	E	■	I	R	M	A	■	E	T	A	L
A	L	E	■	G	A	O	L	■	F	E	T	A
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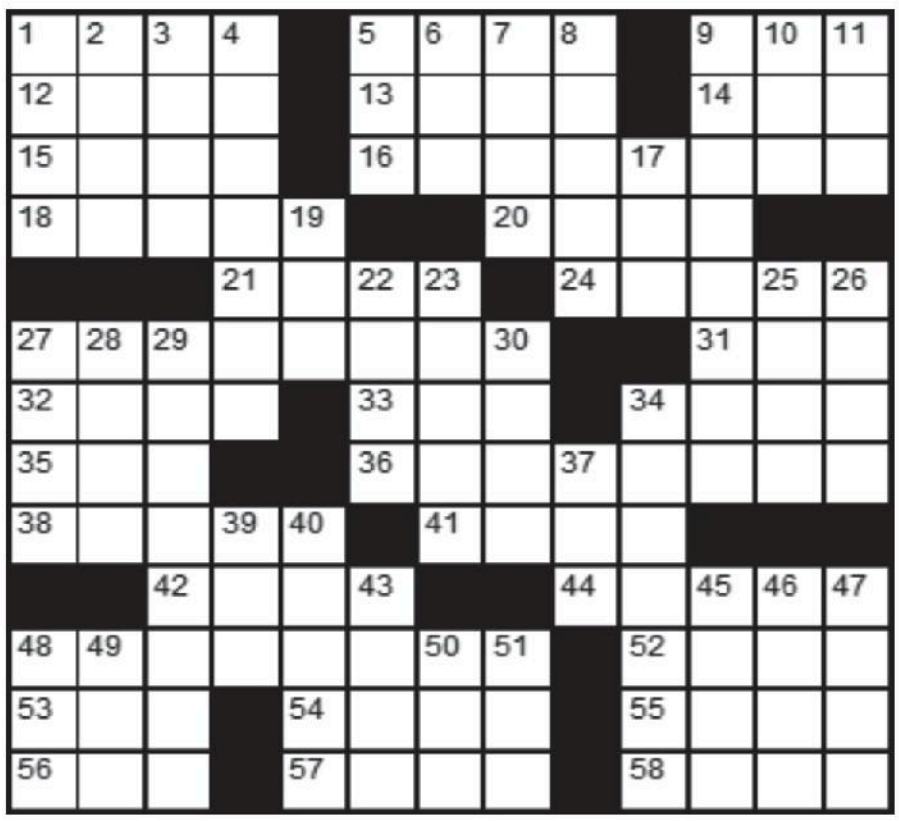
DOWN

1 Memo starter
2 Chemical used mainly as nitrogenous fertilizer
3 Street
4 Juicy fruit
5 Central Maintenance Comp.
6 Love story (1953) of Raj Kapoor and Nergis?
7 Dull and monotonous
8 Scour
9 Chess champion Garry ___
10 Any doctrine
11 Actress ___ Peeples
17 Irregular, abbr.
19 Line or sequence
22 Den
23 Book of maps
25 Veni, Vidi, ____ : I came, I saw, I conquered?
26 Deciduous trees of the genus Quercus
27 England's Harry ___
28 Wading bird
29 Shares a secret with; permits to participate in? (4,2,2)
30 Legal injury
34 Language of Maharashtra
37 Be unwell
39 Airline-Selected Equip.
40 Delicious
43 Pod vegetables
45 Large mop
46 Physical magnitude
47 Type of gemstone
48 Tic ___ toe : children's game ?
49 Sense of self
50 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
51 Cover roads with asphalt



SUDOKU

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					7			8
6		7		3				
	9	3				2	4	
				4		1		6
3			4					
7			3	1				
	2					4	8	

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	1	5	9	7	4	8	3
8	4	9	2	3	1	5	7	6
5	7	3	8	4	6	9	2	1
2	3	8	7	5	4	1	6	9
4	5	6	1	8	9	7	3	2
1	9	7	3	6	2	8	5	4
7	1	5	9	2	3	6	4	8
9	6	2	4	7	6	3	1	5
3	8	4	6	1	5	2	9	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZWZPVFAZ KCD C TKFNFJPCTKQY LZLFPV.

DFLZ MFA'N KCWZ XQIL.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Don't underestimate the value of Doing Nothing, of just going along, listening to all the things you can't hear, and not bothering.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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  Ekka (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Junior (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Eltuu Muthaa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Mahavatar Narsimha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Mahavatar Narsimha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Eltuu Muthaa (K) - 2 Shows; *Kothalavadi (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Son of Sardaar 2 (H) - 3 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Housemates (Ta) - 4 Shows

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Su From So (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm, 7.20 pm; (S-2) 1 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 4.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Vritta (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Kingdom (Te)	(S-1)	4 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	(S-2)	10 am, 7.10 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Saiyaara (H)	(S-2)	10.05 pm; (S-4) 1 pm
Son of Sardar 2 (H)	(S-3)	10.10 am, 7 pm, 10 pm
Ekka (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	(S-3	4.20 pm

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Saiyaara (H)	:	10.10 am, 6.45 pm
Su From So (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm
		4.05 pm, 6.10 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Ekka (K)	:	1.05 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	1.10 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	3.45 pm, 6.40 pm
		9.30 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	3.55 pm

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Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402

Su From So (K)	:	8.10 am, 8.40 am, 9.45 am
		11 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm
		7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	9.05 am, 12.15 pm, 3.25 pm
		6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Kingdom (Te)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 9.30 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (H-3D)	:	11.45 am, 10 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	4.10 pm
Ekka (K)	:	12.35 pm, 7.15 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	:	1 pm, 10.20 pm
The Bad Guys 2 (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm, 7.35 pm
Eltuu Muthaa (K)	:	3.40 pm
The Fantastic Four: First Steps (E-3D)	:	5 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	6.30 pm

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Su From So (K)	:	8 am, 9.50 am, 10.50 am, 1.40 pm
		4.30 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	10.15 am, 3.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	10.45 am, 7.40 pm
Kingdom (Te)	:	12.40 pm, 7.05 pm
Vritta (K)	:	1.25 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	1.35 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Ekka (K)	:	4.35 pm, 10 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	:	7 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465

Kingdom (Te)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	9.35 am
Son Of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Ekka (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.05 pm
Su From So (K)	:	11.10 am, 2 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	12.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K)	:	4 pm
Dhadak 2 (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10 pm
Kothalavadi (K)	:	7.20 pm

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Su From So (K)	:	8.20 am, 10.05 am, 11.10 am
		2 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Kingdom (Te)	:	9.50 am, 4 pm, 10 pm
Son of Sardaar 2 (H)	:	10.25 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Thalaivan Thalaivii (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Vritta (K)	:	1.35 pm
Ekka (K)	:	4.05 pm
Saiyaara (H)	:	4.05 pm
Mahavatar Narsimha (K-3D)	:	7.15 pm
Eltuu Muthaa (K)	:	7.20 pm
Sumathi Valavu (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 3)

- **Abhivruddi:** 'Silk India-2025' exhibition, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinobha Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** State-level Handloom Exhibition and Sale 'Hathkargha Mela,' JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, Mysuru, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts & Guides Ground, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Prashanthi Sansthan:** 'Prapatthi 2025,' annual Bharatanatyam festival, about 30 students of Prashanthi Sansthan (disciples of Harshini Prajwal) will present Bharatanatyam recital; Guru Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav, Bharatanatyam exponent and Vice-President - Business Excellence and Transformation, at Kaynes Technology, inaugurates, Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, chief guest, Dr. Rama V. Bennur, Music Critic and Visiting Professor at Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, presides, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**
- **Manuja Ranga Trust, Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru and Dakshina Kannada mattu Karavali Jilla Sanghagala Okkuta (DK&KJSO):** Yakshagana 'Sri Devi Mahatme' by women artistes (Bhagavataru - Sinchana Mudukodi, Hemaswathi Kuriyaje and Rachana Chidgal), Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, DK&KJSO President Gracian Rodrigues, Kannada Development Authority President Dr. Purushotham Bilimale, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and actor and Natana School of Theatre Arts Director Mandya Ramesh invitees, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **3.30 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Raaga Music Academy:** 11th Anniversary, violin duet by Akkarai Sisters — Vidu. Akkarai S. Subhalakshmi and Vidu. Akkarai S. Sornalatha — accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata, Padmaja Srinivas Auditorium, BSS Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 82777-33410]
- **Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat and Kannada & Culture Department:** Valedictory of 2-day 'Geethotsava-2025,' 19th State-level Sugama Sangeetha Conference, Sharana Sahitya Parishat President Dr. C. Somashekar presides, Nadoja Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah delivers valedictory address, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar chief guest, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Aghaharanandaji speaks on 'Sri Krishnana Baduku mattu Sadhane' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. K. Anantharamu, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** 'Greeshma Rangotsava-2025' in memory of late theatre person C.G. Krishnamurthy (CGK), staging of play 'Nitya Sachiva' by Karnataka Sangha, Mandya, written by Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi, directed by Pramod Shiggaon, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sushira, Sri V. Desikachar's Academy of Music:** 24th Annual Music Festival, veena concert by Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh, accompanied by Vid. H. L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Parivarthana Ranga Samaja:** Staging of play 'Murane Kivi' (based on Ravindra Bhat's book), directed by Prof. S.R. Ramesh, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 4)

- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, Special puja, **Morning;** Mass prayer, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani' (written by Lakkanna Dandesha) by Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar, Vaachana by Vid. K. Ramachandra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
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- **Sahara Arts and Crafts:** Shopping Festival, Scouts & Guides Ground, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Commercial Taxes Department, Divisional Goods and Services Tax Office, Mysuru:** Awareness workshop on 'Goods and Services Tax (GST)' for traders to clear doubts regarding the need to register under the GST law and payment of taxes, Office of the Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Executive), Mysuru Zone, No. 487, 2nd Floor, Bidaram Krishnappa Road, Devaraj Mohalla, **11 am.**
- **Neelaganga Mahila Balaga, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru:** Basava Jayanti, Akkamahadevi Jayanti and Renuka Jayanti celebrations, Sri Mallikarjuna Swamiji of Sri Siddarahalli Paramartha Gavimutt, Sosale, graces the occasion, writer and Kannada Professor of K.R. Nagar Government First Grade College Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy chief guest, Neelaganga Mahila Balaga President Geetha Rajashekar presides, JSS Law College, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari & Sri Karumariyamma Temple Trust, Vidyaranyapuram:** 95th Special Karaga Mahotsava, folk songs by Shubha Raghavendra and troupe of Swara Sagara Music Foundation, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Acting Camp

Mysuru, Aug. 3- Sanchalana Mysore, Mysuru, in association with Rangaratha, Bengaluru, has organised a 10-day Acting Camp at the rehearsal room in Kalamandira premises, Mysuru, from Aug. 4 to 15. Classes will be held everyday from 6.30 am to 9.30 am.

Actor, director, screenplay & dialogue writer Aasif Kshatriya and Actor, director, yoga teacher, Odissi and Yakshagana Practitioner Shwetha Shrinivas will be the Camp Directors. Deepak Mysore of Sanchalana Mysore will be the Co-ordinator.

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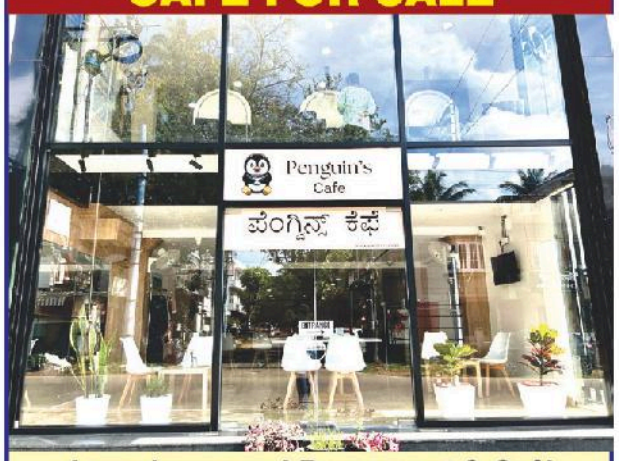

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